

# William W. Shelley Papers (SC190)

## *Introduction*

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## *Descriptive Summary*

Title: William W. Shelley Papers

Dates: 1901-1920

Size: .1 linear feet, 2 folders

Collection Number: SC190

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection. These materials were previously housed in the special collections vertical files.

## *Citation Note*

William W. Shelley Papers (SC190), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Related Collections: Additional materials about William W. Shelley include information on the Shelley family and William F. Shelley's residence located in Hyde Park found in Vertical File: Shelley Family, and Vertical File: Residences – Shelley, William.

## *Biographical Sketch*

William Williamson Shelley was a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri for over 50 years. He was the son of William Francis Shelley, treasurer for Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust Co., and nephew of George Madison Shelley, Mayor of Kansas City from 1878-1879. In 1928 William W. Shelley married Barbara Barnett, a Notary Public at his office in the Commerce Trust Building. The Shelley family home, built by William F. Shelley at 3601 Baltimore, is one of the oldest remaining residences in Hyde Park and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

## *Scope and Content Note*

The collection contains correspondence to and from William W. Shelley, as well as notes for an issue of *The Billboard*. Topics of the correspondence include updates from an unknown associate of Shelley's on their travel to the World's Fair in St.

Louis; information on clubs and committees related to Shelley's profession; request for a letter of recommendation for Sanford B. Ladd as Judge of the United States Court for the Western District of Missouri; opportunities for speaking on behalf of the Democratic National Committee; and information to be published in *The Billboard* publication. Also contained in the collection are theatre brochures, programs, park entry passes, and club membership cards from Kansas City and St. Louis establishments.

The collection is arranged by type of item and thereunder chronologically by date.

### ***Collection Inventory***

- f. 1 Correspondence, 1901-1920
- f. 2 Brochures, entry passes, and membership cards, 1901-1920

### ***Index***

An index for the correspondence folder is provided.

Beggs Circus Wagons  
 The Billboard Publishing Co.  
 Bland, E.  
 Burleson, Albert S.  
 Century Theatre  
 Colby, Charles R.  
 Cummings, Homer S.  
 Edwards, William H.  
 Electric Park  
 Ellison, Edward D.  
 Evans, A.F.  
 Fairmount Park  
 Fleming, Fred W.  
 Floto, William F.  
 Flynn, Matt  
 Frank, Harry S.  
 Freedman, H. Ike  
 Glick, Joseph  
 Globe Theatre  
 Grubs, E. B.  
 Hartman, Al  
 Heim, M. G.  
 Inside Inn  
 Jacobs, Cyrus  
 Johnny J. Jones Shows  
 Kennedy, Con T.  
 Kingsley, George  
 Knight, W.W.  
 Lehman, Martin  
 Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company  
 Martha

Mastin, T.A.T.  
McCombs, William F.  
Moore, Hunt C.  
Oliver, William L.  
Orear, Ed. T.  
Orpheum Theatre  
Porterfield, E.E.  
Portman, Ben  
Ross, Judge M.  
Sam Kaplan's Greater Shows  
Scherer, Thelma  
Schiller, E.A.  
Sears, Roebuck and Co.  
Shelley (nee Barnett), Barbara  
Shelley, William F.  
Shelley, William W.  
Slater, Ed. R.  
Small, Charles H.  
Smith, Will M.  
Taaffe, Thomas L.  
Tippett, John D.  
Toby Wilson Shows  
Wells, Rolla  
Western Show Properties Company

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